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I am not aware that Torrey's Peak (known in the vicinity by the later name of Mount Irwin) has been ascended, though it apparently presents no special difficulties; and Gray's Peak is usually selected for ascent, because a comparatively easy horse-trail has been prepared to the summit. When on Gray's Peak, I ascertained by a pocket-level that Torrey's Peak is a little the higher, though the difference is slight, probably 50 or 100 feet, and I think this is confirmed by other observations."†

§ 87. *Bromus Tectorum*.—In the January number of the *Bulletin* I notice, under the head of "Catalogue of Suffolk County Plants," a remark with reference to *Bromus tectorum*. About eight years ago, I detected a species, new to *this* region, which by comparison with an authentic specimen of the *B. tectorum* from Germany, preserved in my herbarium, I have regarded as identical with that plant. Having submitted it to the late Dr. William Darlington for inspection, he informed me that some time before, he had received specimens from a correspondent in Germantown, near Philadelphia. He at once referred it to the species above noticed.

Mine was gathered in the suburbs of our town, confined to one spot, its introduction, no doubt, adventitious. By the extended improvements of our town, the locality has been broken up. I enclose a small portion, which may prove sufficient for identification with the Suffolk County plant.

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[The small specimen sent corresponds very well with *B. tectorum* in the Torrey Herbarium.]

§ 88. *Synopsis of the Flora of Colorado*, by Thomas C. Porter and John M. Coulter. This is one of the "Miscellaneous Publications," relating to the U. S. Geological survey of the Territories now in progress under the charge of the Department of the Interior. It is a work of 180 pages, and is not a mere enumeration of plants, but, for all the species not described in the readily accessible "Manual" of Doctor Gray and the "Flora of the Southern States" by Dr. Chapman, the descriptions are quoted, thus saving the student from the necessity of referring to many reports and works not usually to be found in a private library. We notice in an advanced sheet of the "American Journal of Science" for May, that Prof. Daniel C. Eaton makes some rather severe strictures upon the manner in which credit is given in this work. We hope that Prof. Porter, who is apparently responsible for the literary portion of the work, may give a satisfactory explanation of what appears to have been an unfortunate inadvertence.

§ 89. *Desmodium*.—It may interest the readers of the *Bulletin* to know that Mr. Albert Commons has discovered another locality for the very rare *Desmodium humifusum*, Beck, in the south-east corner of Newcastle County, Delaware. Here, as in the Salisbury, Maryland, locality (now destroyed), the plant is completely prostrate, ramifying in every direction from the central root. It

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† Whitney's measurement gives Gray's Peak ..... 14,145 feet.  
Torrey's " ..... 14,192 "